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Summary:

(August 30, 2004)-If you choose to attend the University of Minnesota, Morris, you will be more than merely satisfied with your educational experience.

How do you know? Recent UMM graduates will tell you so.

A whopping 94% of student respondents rated their UMM experience as very satisfactory or moderately satisfactory, according to a recent annual survey including all four campuses of the University of Minnesota. In addition to being overwhelmingly satisfied, nearly 80% of UMM graduates indicated that they would begin their undergraduate work all over again at UMM.

In the three years that the Morris campus has been involved in the survey, Morris campus graduates were the most satisfied of any within the University of Minnesota system.

"These results provide a solid, independent gauge to help prospective students measure the value of a UMM education," said James Morales, associate vice chancellor for enrollment.

"The unique reference point that these results provide is not available in the U.S. News and World Report rankings or in any other third party statements about UMM. Prospective students should look closely at these results and consider them a very important piece of decision-making information in their college selection process," added Morales.

Student satisfaction with the overall quality of instruction at UMM is the highest in the University. UMM respondents were especially pleased with the high quality of instruction in both their introductory courses and also in their major areas. UMM students found their courses to be challenging and their faculty to be highly accessible. Over 70% said that a faculty member in their major department was the most important advisor or mentor to them while they were at UMM.

In addition, students were especially satisfied with opportunities for personal growth. Morris students were the most satisfied of all the campuses when it came to understanding world events, engaging with arts and literature, developing an understanding of cultural diversity, and studying abroad.

Students at the Morris campus graduate at significantly higher rates than elsewhere within the University system. Seventy percent of UMM student respondents graduated in four years or less from the time they started college.

"These results are nothing less than a resounding confirmation for our current students and their families of the excellent choice and sound investment they made in choosing to pursue their higher education goals at UMM. They are enjoying the best that UMM's small, personal setting has to offer -- a rigorous academic challenge provided by outstanding

faculty and a vibrant student life experience -- on the road to a world-renowned University of Minnesota degree. No other school in the state, adjoining states, and in the upper Midwest, for that matter, can offer this," said Morales.

Through personal and academic discovery, the University of Minnesota, Morris provides opportunities for students to grow intellectually, engage in community, experience environmental stewardship and celebrate diversity. A renewable and sustainable educational experience, Morris prepares graduates for careers, for advanced degrees, for lifelong learning, for work world flexibility in the future, and for global citizenship. Learn more about Morris at morris.umn.edu or call 888-866-3382.